Appointment of Chairman and Managing Directors in Nationalised Banks

2606. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Kill the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether a committee has been appointed under the Chairmanship of the RBI Governor to recommend names for appointment of Chairman and Managing Directors Of nationalised Banks;

(b) whether this Committee will also recommend names of non-official Directors to be appointed on the Boards of public sector banks; and

(c) if so, what is the rationale of asking officials to recommend names of non-officials?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir. An Appointments Board has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Governor, Reserve Bank of India.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Appointments Board has been constituted to facilitate selection of non-official directors on the basis of objective criteria and professional experience considered useful in the working of public sector banks and as spelt out in the relevant statutes.

Import of Rubber during Current Year

2607. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much natural rubber and jrumb rubber imported during this year so far;

(b) hew much has been released into thr market;

(c) whether there is any fall in the prices of natural rubber and crumb rubber;

(d) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Rubber growers facing crisis" which appeared in the Indian Express of August 3, 1990;

(e) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(f) whether Government propose to give adequate representation to rubber . growers in monitoring committee set up by the Commerce Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) and (b) The total quantity of natural rubber imported during 1990-91 so far is 31, 700 mts and the quantity released upt$_0$ 31-7-90 is 32, 000 m. ts.

(c) to (e) The prices which tend to go up during the lean production months get stabilised with improved supplies. In keeping with this phenomenon, the rubber prices which had increased during May & June, 1990 have started showing a down-ward trend and return to normalcy. The reported down-ward trend in the prices of indigenous rubber is not due to the rubber imports.

(f) There is no provision for giving representation to any grower member in the Rubber Monitoring Group, which is an inter-Ministeral group of Government officials only

Foreign Tours by Officers of Nationalised Banks

2608. SHRI MENTAY PADMANA-BHAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent austerity measures announced by Government will apply to routine and casual foreign tours by the officers of nationalised banks;

(b) if so, whether any guidelines in thig regard have been issued to the na-

tionalised banks and how the monitoring is being done to curb all such travel; and

(c) the estimated foreign exchange spent annually on foreign tours by officers of nationalised banks?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (c) Only such foreign trips which are very necessary for development of business/ inspection etc. are undertaken mostly by officers of banks having offices abroad with prior sanction of the competent authority. A close scrutiny is kept on foreign tours by the Reserve Bank of India.

The Reserve Bank of India 'has reported that the present monitoring system is strict and is inconformity with the tenet of national policy.

Reserve Bank of India has also reported that during the last financial year (i. e. 1-4-89 to 31-3-90) approximately US dollar 4, 05, 000 and NCR 42, 000 (Non convertible Rupees) were released by RBI to Nationalised banks officials towards their living expenses abroad. Besides, the following amounts were released by RBI for course/registration fees:

IRISH	- 21, 000/-
STG	- 1, 795/-
BELGIUM FRANCS	- 58, 000/

Cabinet Secretary's meeting with committee of Secretaries on reduction of Non-essential Expenditure

2609. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cabinet Secretary held [a] meeting recently with Committee of Secretaries of various Ministries/Departments to review the situation in all Ministries of the Government of India with a view to bringing about reduction in the Central Government's non-essential expenditure:

(b) whether the subordinate and attached offices are covered by the proposed reduction in expenditure;

(c) the expected savings to be achieved during the current year; and

(d) whether such review would be undertaken after every four months and whether Parliament would be kept informed by placing statements in relation thert$_0$ before it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Full impact 'of the measures suggested will be known only over a period of time.

(d) As already indicated a review of the actual developments in the budgetary situation would be made and a report would be made in the Parliament every four months. Accordingly, report for the first four months has already been made on 28th August 1990.

अफ्रीकी देशों को इलक्ट्रानिक उपकरणों (किट) का निर्यात

2610. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
कुमारी आलिया :

क्या **वाणिज्य मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या नाइजीरिया, केन्या और घाना जैसे कुछ अफ्रीकी देशों ने अपने-अपने देश में इलक्ट्रानिक यूनिटें लगाए जाने की इच्छा व्यक्त की है जो भारत द्वारा निर्यातित उपकरणों (किट) पर आधारित होंगे;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि विगत में इलेक्ट्रानिक और कम्प्यूटर सॉफ्टवेयर निर्यात संवर्धन परिषद ने इन देशों का दौरा किया था तथा इस संबंध में सरकार को अपनी रिपोर्ट दे दी है, यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और